AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

At Paragraph [38]

Please amend paragraph [38] of the specification as follows:

[38] Notwithstanding, the bus controller 318 and/or the switch blade 308 may be adapted to control the transfer of messages between the blade servers 306 and the switch blade 308. In this regard, the bus controller 318 may handle functions such as bus access and bus arbitration. The bus controller 318 and/or the switch blade 308 may also provide a switching function that may permit messages to be transferred among the blade servers 306 via the switch blade and from an external source such as the network 170 (FIG. 1) to any one or more of the blade servers 306. For example, one or more messages received from the network 170 may be steered by the switch blade 308 to one or more of the blade servers 306 based on a message type and a function provided by one or more of the blade servers 306. United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/648,573 ———— (Attorney Docket No. 14221US02) filed August 26, 2003, discloses a method and system for selective steering of data traffic of various data types to functionally dedicated blade servers which application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.